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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 28 December 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*It is noted that this amendment after final is filed on the same day which issue fee is paid. However, the claim amendment is not timely filed during the examination. Although Applicants allege that new dependent Claims 15-21 are commensurate in scope with dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-7 in the cancelled non-elected group, they raise new issues that would render further consideration and/or search.*

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